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April 8, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional  
patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: Harald KRETSCHMANN, et al.

☐ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **STERILIZATION TESTING DEVICE**

- ☐ This is a new patent application.
- ☒ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
- ☐ This is a provisional patent application.
- ☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application  
☐ Divisional Application  
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application  
of prior Application Serial No. \_.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of Application
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15	Sheets of drawings ([x] formal [ ] informal size A4 ).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21	Pages of specification including abstract and claims.
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X	Preliminary Amendment
	Assignment to:
	Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. _.
	Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
X	Information Disclosure Statement
X	Information Disclosure Citation
	English translation
X	Application Data Sheet

<b>PRIORITY CLAIMS</b>	
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.
X	<p>Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below:</p> <p>Germany Patent Appln. No. 103 16 690.4, filed April 10, 2003, Priority Claimed  Germany Patent Appln. No. 10 2004 005 377.4, filed February 3, 2004, Priority Claimed</p> <p>of which certified copies thereof</p>
	will follow
	are enclosed
	X have been filed in the International Bureau
	were filed in prior application:

CLAIMS FILED AND FILING FEE CALCULATION					
ITEM	—			Rate	Applied Fee
[ ] Basic Fee Utility	—			\$300	
[ ] Search Fee Utility				\$500	
[ ] Exam. Fee Utility				\$200	
[ ] Sheet Fee Utility	Ea. Add'l 50 pgs. over 100 pgs.			\$250	
Small Entity e-Filed Basic Fee Utility: SEE BELOW "Small Entity is Asserted."					
[X] Basic Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	—			\$300	\$300
[X] Search Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	37 CFR 1.492(b)(3)			\$400	\$400
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Total Claims	23	20	3	\$50	\$150
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$200	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	—			\$360	\$0
[X] Small Entity Status is Asserted	Deduct 50% of above fees				(\$525)
[ ] Basic Fee Utility - e-filed and Small Entity				\$75	
[ ] Non-English Specification	—			\$130	\$0
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$525

- [X] Payment of all fees, including the total filing fee in the amount of \$ 525 is by credit card. A form PTO-2038 is attached.
- [X] Please charge to Deposit Account No. 10-1250 any further fees due for filing or during prosecution of this application under: 37 CFR 1.16; 37 CFR 1.17; and 37 CFR 1.492.

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